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MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated: The citation reads as follows:

THE 114TH AVIATION COMPANY (AIR MOBILE LIGHT), UNITED STATES FORCES, VIETNAM, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while engaged in military operations against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam, from July 1963 to June 1964. The members of the 114th Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) demonstrated fortitude, determination, and professional skill in flying missions ranging from the routine administrative support to the most dangerous "EAGLE FLIGHTS". Day and night operations included transportation of troops into hostile landing zones, as well as resupply, evacuation, and rescue missions. While providing support to the ground forces, the 114th Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) sustained many casualties as the Company's aircraft became the constant target of enemy gun fire. Despite the perilous flying conditions and the hazardous tactical situations, the 114th Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) succeeded in conducting 24,694 combat sorties and 13,210 combat support operations. Through the courage, perseverance, and professional competence of all of the members of the 114 Aviation Company, the concept of an Air Mobile Company was proved and led to the progress of the defense effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The professional ability, diligence, and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 114 Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) during this critical period reflect great credit upon themselves, the United States Army, and the armed forces of their country.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

HAROLD K. JOHNSON, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff.

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